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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 03, 2002, Applicants request further examination in light of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

In The Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 4:

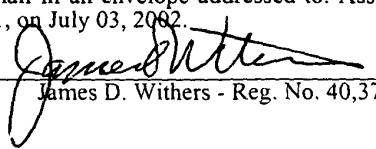
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This is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/409,520 filed September 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,316,099, which is a continuation of Application No. PCT/US99/07195 filed March 31, 1999, both of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-11 with the following replacement paragraph:

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The present invention relates to an article for establishing a seal between two substrates, more particularly to such an article having a plurality of layers, and even more particularly to such an article having a plurality of sealant layers with an outer adhesive layer having a different curing rate than the remaining layers.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 10-27 with the following

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